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SUBJECT: INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT: HOUSING PROBLEMS OF U.S. EXCHANGEES
(DAVIS, SCHWARTZ)

REF: (A) MOSCOW 11304, (B) MOSCOW 9925, (C) MOSCOW 7728

1. SOVIET ACADEMY REP KHARITONOV HAS INFORMED US THAT ACADEMY HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM N.A.S. FOR MAURICE SCHWARTZ TO WORK IN TBLISI IN SPRING OF 1978. SCHWARTZ PLANS TO BRING HIS FAMILY, AND KHARITONOV WARNED THAT SCHWARTZ FAMILY WILL MEET SAME HOUSING PROBLEMS AS DAVIS FAMILY (REFS B AND C), I.E., CHARGES OF UP TO 20 RUBLES PER DAY FOR LODGING IN A HOTEL - NOT APARTMENT. KHARITONOV, WHO SAID THAT ACADEMY HAS SENT TELEX TO N.A.S. WARNING OF INADEQUATE HOUSING FOR SCHWARTZ'S FAMILY, DID NOT OFFER POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIET ACADEMY WOULD REPEAT FOR SCHWARTZ ITS EXCEPTIONAL STEP TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO DAVIS (REF A).

2. COMMENT. IN THE PAST THE ACADEMY HAS LARGELY IGNORED INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGEES' PROTESTATIONS AND COMPLAINTS ON ACCESS, HOUSING AND TRAVEL, AND IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DONE SO IN THE DAVIS CASE HAD N.A.S. AND THE EMBASSY NOT INTERVENED. THE ACADEMY MAY WELL HAVE FELT "BURNED" IN THE DAVIS CASE, AND THE WARNING ON SCHWARTZ PROBABLY DERIVES FROM THE RESULTANT CAUTION. THE WARNING REPRESENTS, HOWEVER, A SMALL BUT POSITIVE STEP IN THE SOVIET ACADEMY'S
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ASSUMPTION OF GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD FUTURE EXCHANGEES. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT N.A.S., IN ITS UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON RENEWAL OF THE INTERACADEMY AGREEMENT, ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT FROM THE ACADEMY A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGULARLY TO N.A.S. FOR U.S. EXCHANGEES, BEFORE DEPARTURE, ON TYPE AND COST OF HOUSING THE ACADEMY WILL PROVIDE. PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION GAINS IMPORTANCE AS MORE EXCHANGEES WORK AND RESIDE OUTSIDE THE WELL-

KNOWN LOCATIONS OF NOVOSIBIRSK, MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. END COMMENT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN.

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